

Application No.: 10/716,417  
Art Unit: 1744

Amendment under 37 CFR 41.33(b)  
Attorney Docket No.: 032106

**REMARKS**

Claims 2, 4-13 and 19-25 are pending in the present application and are rejected. Claims 14-18 are objected to. Claims 14-18 are herein cancelled without prejudice.

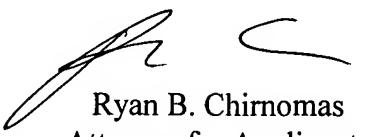
**Cancelled Claims**

Applicants herein cancel claims 14-18 in order to simplify the issues for appeal. Claims 14-18 were objected to as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants will file a continuation application reciting the subject matter of claims 14-18.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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